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SUBJECT: SOAMES AND VAN DER STOEL ON GREEK- EEC
RELATIONSHIP

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1. CHRISTOPHER SOAMES' REMARKS AS REPORTED BY TIMES
AND GUARDIAN JUNE 7 WERE STRONGLY DISAPPROVING OF GREEK
GOVERNMENT' S ACTIONS OF " PAST WEEKS AND MONTHS,"
PARTICULARLY THE INCARCERATION OF PROFESSOR PESMAZOGLOU
AND THE LAWYERS. INCLUDED IN SOAMES' REMARKS WAS " SAD
CONVICTION THAT GREECE SINCE 1967 HAS NOT MAINTAINED
THOSE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT AND OF POLITICAL LIFE WHICH
THE COMMUNITY TOOK FOR GRANTED AT THE TIME IT MADE THE
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, AND WHICH ARE PRESUPPOSED IN ITS
FULL IMPLEMENTATION AT THE END OF THE DAY."

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2. HOWEVER, SOAMES AVOIDED COMMENTING ON ABOLITION OF

MONARCHY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF PAPADOPOULOS JUNE 1 STATE-
MENT. THOUGH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL
MADE IT CLEAR IN GUARDIAN INTERVIEW THAT DUTCH WILL
QUESTION ELIGIBILITY OF GREECE TO REMAIN MEMBER OF NATO
AT NATO MEETING OF MINISTERS JUNE 14 AND 15, SAME INTER-
VIEW EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ALL NINE EEC MEMBER STATES
WILL " AUTOMATICALLY RECOGNIZE" PAPADOPOULOS AS EFFECTIVE
HEAD OF GREEK STATE IN HIS POSITION OF PROVISIONAL
PRESIDENT.

3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, HMG INTENTION CONTINUES TO BE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GREEK CIRCULAR NOTE TO DENOTE CON-
TINUED RECOGNITION. FCO GREEK DESK OFFICER TOLD US
JUNE 8 THAT BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS GOTTEN THE
IMPRESSION USG TRYING TO FINESSE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION
AT THE MOMENT, THOUGH INTERESTED IN WHAT EEC MEMBERS
WILL DO. WE REPLIED THAT WE WERE UNINFORMED AS TO DE-
TAILS BUT SUPPOSED BRITISH ACTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT
OF GREEK NOTE CAN PROBABLY ALSO BE DESCRIBED AS FINESSING
ISSUE OF RECOGNITION, THOUGH HMG ADMITTEDLY HAS TAKEN
DECISION TO RECOGNIZE (IN AS UNEMPHATIC A MANNER AS
POSSIBLE).

4. FCO DESK OFFICER ALSO SUPPOSED GREECE WILL ARISE IN
CONVERSATION WHEN VAN DER STOEL VISITS LONDON JUNE 27
TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN POLICY WITH SIR ALEC DOUGLAS- HOME,
BUT FCO WORKING LEVEL HAS NOT YET BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE
TALKING NOTES ON THE MATTER.

5. RELEVANT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WERE AIR POUCHED
JUNE 7 TO DEPARTMENT (NEA/ GRK) AND ATHENS.
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